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Security Council

Fifty-fifth year

Provisional

4214th meeting

Tuesday, 31 October 2000, 12.15 p.m.

New York

President:	Mr. Andjaba	(Namibia)
Members:	Argentina	Mr. Bocalandro
	Bangladesh	Mr. Chowdhury
	Canada	Mr. Heinbecker
	China	Mr. Chen Xu
	France	Mr. Teixeira da Silva
	Jamaica	Miss Durrant
	Malaysia	Mr. Hasmy
	Mali	Mr. Kassé
	Netherlands	Mr. Hamer
	Russian Federation	Mr. Karev
	Tunisia	Mr. Jerandi
	Ukraine	Mr. Herasymenko
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Jeremy Greenstock
	United States of America	Ms. Soderberg

Agenda

Admission of new Members

Note by the Secretary-General (S/2000/1043)

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00-71901 (E)

The meeting was called to order at 12.15 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Admission of new Members

Note by the Secretary-General (S/2000/1043)

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

In a letter dated 27 October 2000 addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia submitted the application of his country for membership in the United Nations. That letter has been circulated in document S/2000/1043.

Under the provisions of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, unless the Council decides otherwise, an application for membership shall be referred by the President of the Council to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. Accordingly, unless I hear a proposal to the contrary, I shall refer the application of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

I would propose that the Committee on the Admission of New Members meet today, 31 October, at 12.20 p.m., in Conference Room 7, to consider the application of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for membership in the United Nations.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.

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Security Council

Fifty-fifth year

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4215th meeting

Tuesday, 31 October 2000, 4 p.m.

New York

President:	Mr. Andjaba	(Namibia)
Members:	Argentina	Mr. Cappagli
	Bangladesh	Mr. Chowdhury
	Canada	Mr. Angell
	China	Mr. Shen Guofang
	France	Mr. Levitte
	Jamaica	Miss Durrant
	Malaysia	Mr. Hasmy
	Mali	Mr. Kassé
	Netherlands	Mr. Hamer
	Russian Federation	Mr. Lavrov
	Tunisia	Mr. Jerandi
	Ukraine	Mr. Yel'chenko
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Jeremy Greenstock
	United States of America	Ms. Soderberg

Agenda

Admission of new Members

Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for admission to membership in the United Nations (S/2000/1051)

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00-71908 (E)

The meeting was called to order at 4.25 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Admission of new Members

Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for admission to membership in the United Nations
(S/2000/1051)

The President: Under the item on its agenda, the Security Council will now begin its consideration of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for admission to membership in the United Nations, which appears in document S/2000/1051.

In paragraph 3 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Council that it should have recourse to the provision of the last paragraph of rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure in order to present its recommendation to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Council wishes to waive the time limits set forth in the penultimate paragraph of rule 60.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

In paragraph 4 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Security Council the adoption of a draft resolution on the application of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for admission to membership in the United Nations. I should like to congratulate the Committee on its unanimous decision to recommend that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in prior consultations among members of the Council, I propose that the Council adopt the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members without a vote.

As I see no objection, it is so decided.

I therefore declare that the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members (S/2000/1051) has been adopted without a vote as resolution 1326 (2000).

I shall immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmittal to the General Assembly in accordance with rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

I shall now make a statement, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, on behalf of the members of the Council:

> "The Security Council has decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia be admitted as a Member of the United Nations.
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> "On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I wish to extend my congratulations to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on this historic occasion. The Council notes with great satisfaction the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia's solemn commitment to uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to fulfil all the obligations contained therein. We look forward to the day in the near future when the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will join us as a Member of the United Nations and to working closely with its representatives."

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/2000/30.

The Council has thus concluded its consideration of the matter before it.

Before adjourning the meeting, let me take this opportunity, in my capacity as representative of Namibia, to express, on behalf of my colleagues and my delegation, our gratitude to the members of the Council for the cooperation and support they have rendered during the presidency of Namibia this month. It was an experience. Indeed, it was a challenge for Namibia, but, indeed, with the support and cooperation of the members of the Security Council and the Member States in general, we were able to fulfil our mission successfully. Once again, thank you for your support.

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.

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Security Council

Fifty-fifth year

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4216th meeting

Friday, 3 November 2000, 5.45 p.m.

New York

President:	Mr. van Walsum	(Netherlands)
Members:	Argentina	Mr. Mársico
	Bangladesh	Mr. Chowdhury
	Canada	Mr. Angell
	China	Mr. Chen Xu
	France	Mr. Teixeira da Silva
	Jamaica	Mr. Ward
	Malaysia	Mr. Mohammad Kamal
	Mali	Mr. Ouane
	Namibia	Mr. Andjaba
	Russian Federation	Mr. Sergeev
	Tunisia	Ms. Achouri
	Ukraine	Ms. Filipenko
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Jeremy Greenstock
	United States of America	Mr. Cunningham

Agenda

The situation in Sierra Leone

Report of the Security Council mission to Sierra Leone (S/2000/992)

Seventh report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2000/1055)

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00-72772 (E)

The meeting was called to order at 5.45 p.m.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

The President: As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of November, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to His Excellency Mr. Martin Andjaba, Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of October 2000. I am sure I speak for all members of the Security Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Andjaba for the great diplomatic skill with which he conducted the Council's business last month. I am grateful for the opportunity of telling him this today, for this year again Ambassador Andjaba will be absent during half of my presidency, as he will be chairing his annual Security Council mission to Indonesia.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Sierra Leone

Report of the Security Council mission to Sierra Leone (S/2000/992)

Seventh report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2000/1055)

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Sierra Leone, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Rowe (Sierra Leone) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the seventh report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, document S/2000/1055, and the report of the Security Council mission to Sierra Leone, document S/2000/992.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council expresses its concern at the continued fragile situation in Sierra Leone and the related instability in the wider subregion. It condemns the continued cross-border attacks along the border area of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The Council stresses that only through a comprehensive regional approach can security and stability be restored. In this regard, it expresses its support for the efforts undertaken by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to address the situation, and calls on Member States to provide support.

"In this context, and following the return of its mission to Sierra Leone, the Security Council welcomes the recommendations made in the mission's report (S/2000/992). It in particular expresses its support for the establishment of a continuous, United Nations-based process for overall strategic coordination on Sierra Leone, bringing together Security Council members, the United Nations Secretariat, ECOWAS, troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) and the Government of Sierra Leone. The Council notes the Secretary-General's support for this proposal in his report of 31 October 2000 (S/2000/1055) and encourages him to take early steps to put such a process into effect.

"The Security Council underlines that such a coordinated strategy for lasting peace in Sierra Leone must combine both political and military elements. The Council fully supports efforts to strengthen the State institutions of Sierra Leone and to maintain the principles of democratic accountability and the rule of law. It also places emphasis on the humanitarian and human rights aspects. It welcomes the current efforts of ECOWAS to explore the possibilities of dialogue towards peace, but stresses that this should only be pursued under terms acceptable to the

Government of Sierra Leone. In this context, the Council underlines the importance of the Revolutionary United Front relinquishing control of the diamond-producing areas, full freedom of movement for UNAMSIL leading to its deployment throughout the country, proper provision for the disarmament and demobilization of all non-governmental forces, full and secure humanitarian access and the extension of the authority of the Government throughout its territory. The Council also calls upon those armed groups responsible for continuing human rights abuses to put an immediate end to such activities.

"The Security Council is convinced that the continuation of a credible military presence of the international community in Sierra Leone remains an indispensable element of the peace process. The Council concurs with the Secretary-General's view that a key aspect of the overall approach on Sierra Leone is the continued provision of security by UNAMSIL in key areas of the country. The Council reiterates its view that to achieve this UNAMSIL requires strengthening. The Council also underlines the importance of continued action to improve the effectiveness of UNAMSIL through the full implementation of the recommendations of the May assessment mission. The Council notes the decisions by the Governments of India and Jordan to end their troops' participation in UNAMSIL, and expresses its appreciation for the important contribution made by these two contingents. It also warmly welcomes the new commitments made by Bangladesh and Ghana of additional battalions, by Ukraine of equipment and support personnel and by Slovakia of equipment to enhance the force's capability. The Council urges both departing and incoming contingents to display all possible flexibility to ensure that force capability is maintained as UNAMSIL moves into this period of transition.

"The Security Council supports the appeal by the Secretary-General to Member States, as set out in paragraph 55 of his report, urgently to consider participating in UNAMSIL or otherwise contributing to its reinforcement, and encourages him to intensify his consultations to this end. The Council reiterates its firm intention to take action to strengthen UNAMSIL at the appropriate time, taking into account the readiness of troop-contributing countries to provide sufficient forces to this end."

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/2000/31.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 5.55 p.m.